

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A security information mediation apparatus comprising:

a registering unit which registers security information presented from an information contributor's terminal;

a first transfer unit which transfers the security information registered by said registering unit to said information recipient's terminal for judging the usefulness of the security information;

a receiving unit which receives the reply information showing the usefulness of the security information and the payment information about payment of the information presentation fee of the corresponding security information from said information recipient's terminal; and

a second transfer unit which transfers the reply information and payment information to said information contributor's terminal.

2. The security information mediation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said registering unit refers to the registered security information, and registers this security information only if the presented security information is new, and said first transfer unit transfers the security information to said information recipient's terminal only if the presented security information is new.

information and payment information to the information contributor's terminal.

9. The security information mediation method according
5 to claim 8, wherein the registering step refers to the
registered security information, and registers this security
information only if the presented security information is
new, and the first transfer step transfers the security
information to said information recipient's terminal only
10 if the presented security information is new.

10. The security information mediation method according
to claim 8, further comprising:

a classification information registering step of
15 registering the classification information of the security
information desired by the information recipient; and

a classification step of classifying the security
information presented from the information contributor's
terminal,

20 wherein the first transfer step transfers the security
information to the information recipient's terminal only if
the classification information and classification result at
the classification step coincide.

11. The security information mediation method according to claim 8, wherein the receiving step receives invalidity information showing invalidity of the security information from said information recipient's terminal, and the second transfer step transfers the invalidity information to said information contributor's terminal.

12. The security information mediation method according to claim 8, wherein the receiving step receives correction information as measure for the security information of which usefulness is shown, and the second transfer step transfers the correction information to said information contributor's terminal.

15 13. The security information mediation method according
to claim 8, further comprising a disclosing step of disclosing
the security information registered at the registering step.

14. The security information mediation method according
20 to claim 12, further comprising a disclosing step of
disclosing the security information registered at the
registering step and the correction information.

15. A computer readable medium for storing instructions, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform:

a registering step of registering security information presented from the information contributor's terminal;

a first transfer step of transferring the security information registered at the registering step to said information recipient's terminal for judging the usefulness of the security information;

a receiving step of receiving the reply information showing the usefulness of the security information and the payment information about payment of the information presentation fee of the corresponding security information from said information recipient's terminal; and

a second transfer step of transferring the reply information and payment information to the information contributor's terminal.